

Communication for Parents/Guardians regarding Maths and English Centre Assessed Grades

The Department for Education (DfE) and Ofqual have confirmed the approach for issuing grades in summer 2021. You can find more detailed information on their website, [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-summer-2021) but we've summarised the main points below:

- Exams will not go ahead as planned.
- A teacher-assessed grades approach will be used for all UK-regulated qualifications, including GCSE.
- Judgements will be quality-assured by awarding organisations (In the case of Plumpton College Pearson for Maths and AQA for English)
- Teachers will collate a 'portfolio of evidence' for students expecting to receive a grade this summer.
- Students will be able to appeal their grades.
- Results days will be on 12 August for GCSE.

What evidence we are going to use

Primary evidence includes (a minimum of 2 of the below):

Termly in-house tasks completed with the class lecturer, at the end of each half term.

All termly tasks are fully moderated and marked by a range of subject specialists.

Secondary evidence could be used where the primary evidence does not provide a clear conclusion.

Secondary evidence includes:

- Marked home work.
- Classwork completed in the classroom and online.
- Work completed on our online platforms.

The final evidence gathering tasks will take place week commencing 17th May. Therefore, attendance to timetabled lessons is vital to ensure full access to the curriculum topics and the ability to ensure that a portfolio of evidence is complete.

We are not able to divulge grade profiles until results day however, we will continue to provide students with detailed feedback on how to improve within specific subject areas.

The final grade will take any exam access arrangements into consideration.

Appeals

Students will be able to appeal their grade. A student who is unhappy with their grade will first ask their centre (Plumpton College) to check whether an **administrative or procedural error** had been made.

Online forms to query a grade will be made available on the main Plumpton College website from the 10th August where a request to review a grade for administrative or procedural error can be investigated. Please do not contact your English and/or maths lecturer.

Where a centre (Plumpton College) does identify an error in the grade submitted to the exam board, it can submit a revised grade and a rationale for the board to consider. If the exam board is satisfied with the rationale, it will issue a revised grade.

Where a centre (Plumpton College) does not believe an administrative/procedural error had been made, a student can ask the centre to appeal to the exam board on their behalf. The centre will submit the student's appeal to the exam board and provide the evidence on which its judgement had been made; the exam board will consider whether, in its view, the grade reflected an appropriate exercise of academic judgement. If the exam board judges that it did not, the exam board will determine the grade that the evidence would support. The exam board will also check that the centre had followed its own process.

The exam board's decision is final.

For further information on the grading process for 2021 please find the link to the JCQ guidelines for students, parents and guardians below:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>